Triton: A Scandal Waiting To Happen???

As Activision moves ahead with its plans to purchase Triton, the future could look mighty bleak. Triton is a well-known and well-respected mail order house, currently carrying Activision products amongst its extensive product line. The purchase of Triton is intended to stengthen Activision's Direct Sales and to unify Activision's and Infocom's Direct Mail programs. However, stormy weather may be on the horizon.

A member of InfoDope's crack investigative team, penetrated the iron-clad human resources department at Triton, and managed to get hired. Once inside, he sniffed around alot and nosed his way into things nobody was to know, all-the-while appearing to toe the line. As expected, his reports show that Triton is but a front for a drug and stolen merchandise ring.

Apparently, orders placed on a special 800 number had nothing to do with software. When a "customer" ordered GHOSTBUSTERS on this number, he would be shipped a half gram of heroin and could charge the $100 price to his Visa or Mastercard. Liewise, MINDSHADOW orders were filled with Mescaline, ALTER EGO with Hashish oil, SPINDIZZY with Valium, TASS TIMES IN TONETOWN with Barbituarates, and ZOIDS with LSD. TOP FUEL ELIMINATOR seems to be one of many codes for ordering cocaine. The most expensive item on this special order form was HOWARD THE DUCK at $35,000 for a kilo of white powder.

Drug accessories are also sold through Triton. GARRY KITCHEN'S GAMEMAKER KIT is actually a crack laboratory in a box. I AM THE C128 customers receive a collection of drug paraphernalia, including a bong, a coke bullet, and a computer shaped roach clip.

Gamestar products sold through Triton are actually stolen jewelry, and it is still unconfirmed that Infocom boxes shipped from Triton contain counterfeit currency.

Triron apparently uses Activision employees to pick up some of the merchandise when they are "on vacation" in such tourist hotspots as Peru, Ecuador, and Brazil.

The big question, of course, is Does Activision know. Activision honcho Bruce Davis was unavailable for comment. Newly hired Director of Direct Marketing, Luigi "Big Looie" Clamari, was quite broken up at hearing the news, sniffling loudly, obviously in tears, during a brief telephone conversation.